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Capitol Shuttle Service Extended

Free shuttle service popular with riders

DES MOINES — A positive response by riders has prompted Legislative officials and the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) to agree to an extension of the trial service provided by the Capitol shuttle, the free shuttle that takes people from the state's parking ramp at East Grand and Pennsylvania Avenues and the State Historical Building to the west entrance of the Capitol.

Shuttle service began on Monday, January 29, 2007, and on Friday, March 9 will complete the six week pilot; state officials have agreed to extend this service through Friday, April 27, 2007. The shuttle will remain on the same schedule, running continuously from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The trolley is wheelchair- and handicap-accessible. It takes approximately 10 minutes for the trolley to drive one loop, so riders never have to wait for long.

Commuters who want to ride the shuttle to the Capitol should park in the state's parking ramp at the corner of East Grand and Pennsylvania Avenues. The shuttle will pick up riders from the parking ramp at the northwest corner of the East Grand and Pennsylvania intersection, adjacent to the ramp. People coming from the State Historical Building who would like a ride up to the Capitol should catch the shuttle at the southwest corner of East Locust and East Seventh/Pennsylvania, at the existing bus stop across the street from the main entrance to the Historical Building. Riders will be dropped off – and picked up – at the west entrance of the Capitol. Both the parking ramp and the shuttle are free. Shuttle stops will be marked with special signage indicating that spot is a “Capitol Shuttle Stop.”

The cost of the shuttle is being paid for by the Iowa state legislature; the link to the informational flyer and map is located at: http://das.iowa.gov/images/pdf/Shuttle_flyer_extended.pdf.

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